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Mihwa Yang Reflects on Her Experience as a Rotary Scholar

As her Graduate School Scholarship from Rotary concludes, Mihwa Yang, from Korea, takes a look back at her experience. She started studying for her Ph.D. in Education last fall at Indiana State University. Her special major is language education in Curriculum, Instruction and Media Technology and her long range goal is to develop methods that would make teaching English in Korea easier.

She says, "I have explored a lot of knowledge and information about teaching methods and materials that are different from those in Korea. American educational backgrounds and history helped me to view educational philosophy from the different point of view and gave me reason to reflect upon my teaching back in Korea."

Her positive experience with our Rotary club has changed her outlook on life in many ways. She praises club member Paul Stanley as a person who made this year exceptional for her and who extended a level of personal caring she had never experienced before. She says "from the time he picked my daughter and I up

from the airport to the last activity of Rotary, he has helped with all the adjustments to life in a new culture. He has been an example of how I might help anyone who needs my help."

Paul brought Mihwa to many of our club meetings where she says, "I could learn what the current issues are in U.S.A from the presentations; education, sports, drugs, family, violence, unemployment, and so on. Moreover, the Rotarian's commitments and enthusiasm to help people who need help has been impressive to me".

Paul also involved Mihwa in some of our service projects. She participated in collecting items for Goodwill, Ringing a Bell for Christmas, and working for senior citizens. By being a volunteer she experienced a sense of pride in helping others and learned more about the American philosophy of helping others. She stated that all of the activities related to Rotary have been helpful to expand her experiences and perspec-

tives of the meaning of Service above Self.

Mihwa says, "If anyone asks me what advice or information I would provide to future scholars about living abroad as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I would definitely tell them they will have a great experience that a non-Rotarian would never

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have; that I am proud to have been a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar; and, that I cannot express my appreciation fully to the many club members gave me a chance to learn a new and precious truth which is helping people who need help is one of the greatest pleasure in our lives!"

Mihwa needs to finish her course of study at ISU. Currently she has been granted a summer school Graduate Assistantship at ISU that will cover her tuition costs. (Continued on Page 2) But so far, she has not found financial aid for the fall term. With the help of Yolanda Travino, the Rotary District International Scholar liaison, Mihwah has been research-

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ing other avenues of financial aid assistance and we wish her success in this endeavor.

When she returns to Korea, Mihwa hopes to use what she has learned about education for education development in Korea. Additionally, she plans to be an active Rotarian who will go to anyplace where people need her help. She is grateful for all the happy memories including

the opportunity to make a presentation about Korean culture at our club meeting and the affiliation she had with Paul and Linda Stanley.

.Stephanie Welsh: Owner of the World's Finest Dogs

Stephanie Welsh and her husband, Garrett Pendergast, began their passion for Golden Retrievers after they were given one by her sister, twenty-one years ago. They are in the midst of acquiring their fifth Golden, which they affectionately call the "auxiliary back-up dog" to their current Golden named Kinzee. The rest of the dogs they have acquired came from a breeder formerly in Kokomo, Indiana, but now living outside Dallas. They have been retired champions or pet-quality dogs who did not meet the standard of the breed.

Stephanie says, "All of them have been excellent, but one did have an unusual appetite for any thing paper. He consumed all but a corner of a fifty dollar bill, half of a stock certificate, and part of my family's Bible (which was a little hard to swallow!). She quips, "I had always learned that it was "Hear the word of God and HEED it", not EAT it!" Stephanie was born and raised in Chicago. As a "Chicagoan" she enjoys politics and the strong discussions they may bring. She graduated from St. Norbert College in DePere, WI where she was active in very competitive intramurals in softball and touch football. She received a degree in Latin and History.

She was introduced to Garrett Pendergast of Terre Haute, by her brother and

they moved here when they married on the Bi-Centennial Anniversary of the nation, July 4, 1976. Stephanie received a second degree in Accounting from Indiana State University and works as the Operations Manager at Family Services Association.

Over the years they have hosted foreign exchange students. A criteria for an exchange student was that they could not be allergic to dogs. The first exchange student, Magnus Petterson from Sweden, was through the Terre Haute South Rotary Club. Stephanie says, "My husband and I hesitated to say yes when asked because we did not have any children of our own."

The experience was very positive and they have hosted approximately 15 students to date, some through Rotary and others through Youth for Understanding. Succeeding students have been from Central and South America, Asia, Europe, Russia, and the South Pacific.

Additionally, Stephanie and Garrett have hosted Rotary Group Study Exchange participants. All of these experiences fueled a lifelong interest in travel. "We have had the opportunity to visit several former students and meet their families on

trips to Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and Ecuador and are planning to visit New Zealand in the future.

They continue to be in touch with at least four of their "exchange kids" on a regular basis, have attended weddings (including being witnesses), visited their homes, met their parents, and become surrogate grandparents. Two now live in the U.S., married Americans, and have become citizens.

Stephanie enjoys observing sports of all types. College level sports are a favorite. In addition she has attended the Masters' in Atlanta and attended the Kentucky Derby for 30 consecutive years. She says, "I have the mint julep glasses to prove it". She also enjoys driving fast (but not recklessly) and says, "I have the tickets to prove that too!" Stephanie has been a Rotarian since 1990 and currently serves as the club Secretary.

Board Meeting Notes

Four new people approved for membership—Pam Weber, Nancy Bower, Mike Morris, and Loren Tofelow.

Three members have resigned from Rotary—Art Western, Rod Henry, Chris Pfaff.

Attendance YTD=68.5%, May was 69.7%

Four people helped with the Habitat for Humanity project.

Rotarians in our club conducted a combined 800 hours of community service in April.

September 14, our club will be dis-

tributing dictionaries to the 3-5 grades in area elementary schools. Mike Collins and Sally Stewart will be heading up the project.

RI convention is June 17-21.

District Annual meeting will be July 23 in Evansville.

Group Study Exchange applications are due July 22.



June Birthdays

- 6/03 Bart Colwell
- 6/08 Luke Dever & Tom Newlin
- 6/10 Paul Stanley
- 6/11 Todd Sullivan
- 6/13 Lorrie Heber
- 6/14 Greg Gibson
- 6/15 Bill Tromble & Bob Brown
- 6/17 Patrica Heaton
- 6/21 Gary Morris
- 6/23 Susi Willis
- 6/24 David Anshutz & Bill Rourke
- 6/25 David Grimes
- 6/26 Rudy Ulirsch & Jim Owen
- 6/27 Janice Adkins
- 6/30 Robert Griffin & Thomas Thornton



Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....Joyce Keenan
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer & Joyce Keenan
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart
 Program..... Bill Tromble & Rodger McHargue
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Richard Schultz
Community Service.....Paul Stanley
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods
 Environmental Protection.....Brian Ross, Dan
 Gmelich & Santhana Naidu
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Rebuilding Terre HauteSally Stewart
 Habitat for Humanity.....Jim Brown

Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
 Salvation Army.....JoEllen Orndorf
Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee
 Ten for one club.....Craig McKee
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Jean Williams
Membership.....Tom Dever/Sally Stewart
 Classifications.....Tom Dever
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks
Vocational Service.....Jeff Pittman

2004-2005 Officers and Board Members

President.....Lisa Pepperworth
 President-elect.....Steve Songer
 Vice-President.....Tom Dever
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Mike Hopper
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 LeaAnn Crooks
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 Craig McKee
 Sally Stewart
 Mike Eldred
 Barbara Passmore

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 Bill Aubin
 David Bolk
 Lee Akers
 Joyce Keenan
 Brian Miller
 Alice Shagley

MISSED MEETINGS are easy to make up by attending another club's meeting; coming to a board meeting (first Monday of each month at the Goodwill Offices); doing a service project; attending a committee meeting; or going on-line, reading an interesting article about Rotary and answering a question or two.

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris Noon Cafe` France
 Princeton Noon Gibson General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family

Casey Noon Richards Farm
 Indianapolis Murat Shrine Temple
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 am Baker's
 Table
 Brazil Brazil Family Restaurant

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

ON LINE MAKEUPS AT:

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